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**SUBJECT PROVINCE OF BC LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE  
PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM**

## **OVERVIEW**

### **Purpose of Report**

To obtain a Council resolution for the proposed submission to the Province of BC Local Government Infrastructure Planning Grant Program.

### **Recommendation**

That Council approve submission of an application to the Local Government Infrastructure Planning Grant program for \$10,000 for the Facility Asset Management Strategy.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Province of BC Local Government Infrastructure Planning Grant provides financial assistance to help local governments develop or improve long-term comprehensive plans related to assessing the technical, environmental and/or economic feasibility of local government infrastructure projects.

Funding may be used for all direct costs properly and reasonably incurred in relation to the proposed project. Eligible costs date is the submission date of the application. Costs incurred before this date are not eligible. Eligible costs include consultant fees, local government staff time (if using in-house resources), and in-kind contributions.

The program provides funding to a maximum of \$10,000. (100% of first \$5,000 of eligible costs, and 50% on the next \$10,000 eligible costs).

The grant application deadline is **December 15, 2021**. Funding announcements are expected within 3 months.

## **DISCUSSION**

Staff have identified the Facility Asset Management Strategy project as the candidate for submission for a \$10,000 grant under the Province of BC Local Government Infrastructure Planning Grant program. This project is part of the 2022-2026 Draft Financial Plan and meets the criteria of the program.

### Facility Asset Management Strategy

The Facility Asset Management Strategy (Strategy) will provide a framework for facility-focused asset management and renewals. Having the appropriate plan in place will allow comprehensive renewal planning to a more fulsome degree and for a greater future timeframe. The Strategy will work with the outcomes of Relmagine as well as other aspirational planning documents within the City to help inform and support prioritization discussions to meet the targets of the aspirational documents.

This initiative is also coordinating with the strategic policy review, considering applicable strategic planning policy documents ensuring consistency and maximizing community participation and engagement. The Strategy will inform the Financial Plan as well as the City's Asset Management Plan and 20 Year Investment Plan. Existing facility infrastructure is in need of a guiding document regarding investment requirements to maintain service levels or increase them.

Staff began work on the Strategy in May 2021, and with external consultant support, a completed first draft is anticipated in December 2022.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Strategy is currently part of the 2022-2026 Draft Financial Plan with a project budget of \$50,000 in 2022 for external resources. Any grant funding received will reduce City funding sources, making them available for other projects.

### OPTIONS

1. That Council approve submission of an application to the Local Government Infrastructure Planning Grant program for \$10,000 for the Facility Asset Management Strategy project.
  - The advantages of this option: This project will support the City continuing to improve our asset management functions. Appropriate planning helps reduce the risk of asset failures and supports long-term growth. Future budgetary requirements will also be identified and incorporated in the long term financial plan ensuring funding is available for future needs.
  - Financial Implications: The cost of the Facility Asset Management Strategy project is \$50,000. This project is included in the 2022-2026 Draft Financial Plan. Any grant funding received will reduce City funding sources.
2. That Council provide alternative direction to Staff for a project to submit an application to the Local Government Infrastructure Planning Grant Program.

### SUMMARY POINTS

- The City will apply for a grant with a maximum value of \$10,000 from the Province of BC Local Government Infrastructure Planning Grant Program
- Funding announcements are expected in March 2022.
- A grant application will be submitted for the Facility Asset Management Strategy project.
- The Draft Facility Asset Management Strategy is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2022.

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